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Multi-crore drug unit bust in city

ABVP protests, seeks high-level inquiry

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (MK&BS)- Following the recent busting of a multi-crore drug manufacturing unit at Belavatta on Outer Ring Road (ORR) junction in Mysuru city, hundreds of activists of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), Karnataka Dakshin Pranth, Mysuru Unit, staged a protest as part of its 'Drug Free Campus, Mysuru and Karnataka Campaign' this morning.

The activists, accompanied by various College students, led by ABVP, Karnataka Dakshin Pranth, Mysuru Unit's Student Pramukh Vasantha, gathered near 12th-century social reformer Basavanna's statue near JSS Mahavidyapeetha and raised slogans against the Karnataka Home Ministry.

(See ABVP on page 7)

90-day Dasara Expo tender fetches Rs. 11.54 crore deal

Tender value up by Rs. 1.51 crore this year, rising from Rs. 10.03 crore in 2024

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Aug. 12- The Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has awarded the contract for organising the 90-day entertainment-packed Dasara Exhibition 2025 to Fun World, following a successful bid of Rs. 11.54 crore.

As in previous years, KEA floated a global tender through the e-Procurement portal, quoting an estimated value of Rs. 11.50 crore. Only two firms participated in the process.

At the financial bid opening held last evening, Fun World emerged as the winner with a quoted amount of Rs. 11.54 crore, narrowly outbidding the competing firm's Rs. 11.50 crore offer.

Last year, the tender was finalised at Rs. 10.03 crore against an estimated Rs. 9.67 crore. This year's figure marks a Rs. 1.51 crore increase, reflecting heightened scale and expectations for the Dasara Exhibition 2025, said K. Rudresh, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), KEA.

(See EXPO on page 7)

'Area Domination Drives' tighten Police grip on drug menace

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (RK&KS)- The Mysuru City Police, who have intensified their crackdown on suspected drug peddlers and users following the recent discovery of a drug manufacturing unit on the city's outskirts, are continuing raids in a determined bid to make Mysuru a drug-free city.

Yesterday, 'Area Domination Drives' were carried out in Sunni Chowk, Mutton Stall Road, Kesare and HUDCO Nagar — under the jurisdiction of Mandi Mohalla, Udayagiri and Narasimharaja (NR) Police Stations.

Six cases under Section 27 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act were booked and 71 suspects were picked up for testing. As a deterrent measure, posters and banners highlighting the NDPS Act have been displayed at key junctions across Mandi Mohalla, Udayagiri and NR Police limits to raise public awareness.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said that since July 27, Police have registered 250 drug consumption cases and 15 regular cases, in addition to seizing 11 kg of ganja and 49 grams of synthetic drugs.

She added that 1,149 suspects have been interrogated so far and checks are being carried out at Paying Guest (PG) accommodations, hostels and residences of people from other States. Raids have been intensified in Mandi Mohalla and NR limits, with inspections of suspect houses, tea shops, medical shops and other establishments.

"The operation will continue until Mysuru is made a drug-free city," the City Top Cop asserted.

The operation is being supervised by DCP (Law and Order) R.N. Bindu Mani, DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Sundar Raj, Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACPs) of all Sub-Divisions, Inspectors and their teams.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 12th August 2025

Mysore Art Gallery's 'Noorara Nenapu' book release

Mysuru, Aug. 12- Mysore Art Gallery, in association with Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, has organised a programme at Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises on Aug. 13 at 4.30 pm for the release of the book 'Noorara Nenapu' commemorating the completion of 100 'Sadhakarondige Samvada' (Interaction with Achievers) programme by Mysore Art Gallery.

Senior writer & Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) Chairman Prof. C. Naganna will release the book.

Sarada Vilas College Principal Dr. M. Devika will be the chief guest. Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev will preside. Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar will deliver the keynote address.

Mysore Art Gallery Founder-President L. Shivalingappa will be present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REFLECTIONS ON MORTALITY: ***The immense tragedy of the crash of AI171 that shocked the nation is a stark reminder of the inevitability of the end of all life. Death stalks us every moment and it can happen midsentence or midstep, or midair, in the midst of a busy life or while relaxing on a weekend.***

Death does give notice in the event of a terminal illness but we do not know how long we will languish or how sudden the end can be. Though in the midst of life we are in denial of this self evident truth life does not go on forever. Death has a trajectory all its own, a firm date in its calendar, a non negotiable deadline and when our lease of life is over we leave without a backward glance. George Steiner, scholar says "One of the bitter lessons of Greek tragedy is that the forces that shape or destroy our lives are beyond the governance of reason and justice."

Human miseries and happiness result from circumstantial randomness but in this the most final of human matters we also realise that death is not a closure but a perpetuation of memories and their life that keeps the departed alive.

We do not know where we come from nor do we know where we are going, to an oblivion or an after life but the interim we know as life needs to be lived in all its consciousness and in all its intensity.

The stoic virtues tell us we must live within the uncontrollable forces leading a virtuous life, be resilient to things beyond the power of our will, to embrace change, to fight for our values, to understand suffering exists and face it with fortitude. We must make place for compassion and understanding, regret our trespasses and forgive those who trespass against us in our finite lives.

The Nobel Laureate Venki Ramakrishnan says in his book *Why We Die: The New Science of Ageing and the Quest for Immortality,* ***"I believe that knowing you are mortal gives us a sense of purpose and the drive to get something accomplished while we are alive." We must therefore find happiness in the small moments, epiphanies, struggles, the agony and the ecstasy, the divinity of life itself, with it is sunshine and shadow.*** *—Sudha Devi Nayak in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man with crossbow bolt in brain

Ancona: A 64-year-old Italian man was found conscious in his bed two days after shooting himself in the head with a crossbow from very close range.

The unidentified Ancona resident, a known crossbow enthusiast, was found in his home by local Police following an emergency phone call from a concerned family member. After forcing open the door, the Police found him lying in bed with the end of a crossbow bolt sticking out of his forehead. He was immediately transported to the local hospital, conscious, with his eyes open. According to the doctors' report, he 'babbled incoherently, but could still speak," despite his serious injury. The bolt prevented him from turning his head and hospital staff learned that he had not eaten or drunk anything in two days. The 64-year-old man was operated but his condition remains serious, and the prognosis is guarded.

Anglers reel in 700-pound thresher shark

Connecticut: A pair of Connecticut anglers may have broken a state record when they reeled in a 16-foot thresher shark they estimated to weigh about 700 pounds.

Ed Lovely and Moe Giovanni said they were out on the Long Island Sound in Lovely's 16.5-foot boat last week when they hooked something big.

The men ended up struggling with the thresher shark for six hours. They said that they took turns holding the rod and were shocked when they finally saw the size of the fish.

The anglers are now attempting to determine whether their catch is indeed a new state record. State records currently list the largest shark caught in Connecticut waters as a 650-pound mako shark caught in 1987.

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Vachana Gayana and Yuva Sangeethotsava at JSS

Vidu. Pavani

Vid. Rakshith Prasad

Vid. Keshava Chandra

Mysuru, Aug. 12- JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust has organised Vachana Gayana and Yuva Sangeethotsava at Manthra Maharshi Auditorium in JSS High School premises, Saraswathipuram, on Aug. 13 and 14.

Aug. 13 - 6 pm: Vachana Gayana by Vidu. Pavani Bharadwaj, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Malola Simha on mridanga and Vid. Dheemantha Bhat on ghata.

Aug. 14 - 5.30 pm: Mandolin recital by Vid. Rakshith Prasad, accompanied by Vid. Rupanagudi Ratna Teja on violin, Vid. Sunaada Krishna Amai on mridanga and Vid. T.N. Ajay on ghata; **7 pm:** Flute recital by Vid. C.S. Keshava Chandra, accompanied by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Sunaada Krishna Amai on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Mohan on morching.

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Yesterday's level **124.40 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,281.77 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,855.90 feet**
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Kamal: *I have no shirt or pyjama — old or new.*
Beggar: *Then better come with me; we can go for begging together!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 87.61
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 176.8
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.85
1 Euro	= Rs. 101.87

VOICE OF THE READER

Month-long dark stretch
near Bogadi Signal Junction

Sir,

We, the residents of Bank Employees Colony and surrounding areas, have been facing the problem of non-functioning streetlights along the stretch from Bogadi Signal Junction to Royal Oak Junction (starting from Mahalakshmi Sweets Point) for over a month.

Walking in the evenings along this dark stretch has become extremely difficult and unsafe, especially in light of repeated reports of chain-snatching incidents.

We are unsure who is responsible for addressing this issue, but the fact remains — we cannot step out in the late evenings due to complete lack of lighting.

Shockingly, this lapse has gone unnoticed by the authorities for such a long period.

We urge the authorities concerned to treat this as a matter of priority and restore the streetlights at the earliest to ensure public safety.

—Sridharan
Bank Employees Colony
27.7.2025

TAJURBA: Sarangi jugalbandi
by father-son on Aug. 15

Ustad Dilshad Khan *Arhaan Khan* *Trilochan Kampli*

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (VNS)- TAJURBA, a Sarangi jugalbandi by father-son duo Ustad Dilshad Khan and Arhaan Khan, organised by a Bengaluru-based Concoction Event Company, will be held at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) at Vijayanagar in city on Aug. 15.

The event, marking Independence Day, will be inaugurated by former MP Prathap Simha at 7 pm. Dilshad Khan and Arhaan Khan will be accompanied by Trilochan Kampli on tabla.

Profiles

Ustad Dilshad Khan hails from the esteemed Sikar Gharana. He is the tenth generation Sarangi player, with roots tracing back to his great grandfather Ustad Azim Khan Sahab, a renowned court musician in Sikar, Rajasthan.

Dilshad Khan's son Arhaan Khan, who will be making his debut, is the 11th generation Sarangi player of his family.

Arhaan was initiated into music at the age of five by his grandfather Ustad Nisar Khan and father Ustad Dilshad Khan.

Born in 1985, Trilochan Kampli's debut solo concert at the age of 12, stunned an All India Radio invited audience. His crisp technique, effortless mastery over complex and intricate compositions, easy style and involved playing invoked instant following and recognition.

Trilochan trained initially under Bhaskar Hegde and Mohan Hegde of Purab Baj and later under Madiwalaiah Sali of the Banaras Gharana.

His journey continued with the legendary Guru Basavaraj Bendigiri of Farukhabad Gharana. At present, he continues his taalim under Pandit Anand Badamikar, also of the Farukhabad Gharana.

NOTE: Tickets for the Sarangi jugalbandi event is priced from Rs. 799 onwards and is available online. For details contact Mob: 99010-00066.

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Lokayukta to receive
complaints on Aug. 20

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (KS)- The Mysuru Division of Karnataka Lokayukta will be receiving complaints from the public regarding delay and corrupt practices in Government Offices on Aug. 20 from 11 am to 1 pm at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan in Saragur taluk, Mysuru, according to a press release from Karnataka Lokayukta Superintendent of Police Suresh Babu.

Motherhood Hospital saves two
Micro-Preemies outside the womb

*Seen are (from left) **B.J. Sandeep Patel, Facility Director, Motherhood Hospital, Mysuru; Dr. Shwetha Nayak, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist; Dr. Suhaim Afsar, Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist; Paviksha - Praveen Kumar & Chethan Kumar - Uma (parents) & Dr. B. Chethan, Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist.***

Mysuru, Aug. 12- Beating the odds, Motherhood Hospital at Yadavagiri in city has saved two Micro-Preemies outside the womb. Sharing the extraordinary journeys of two of its youngest and most resilient new-borns at a press conference held at Hotel Southern Star in city yesterday, the doctors said the first case was that of the baby boy of Uma and Chethan Kumar couple, born at just 29 weeks with severe Intrauterine Growth Restriction (IUGR) and weighing only 480 grams, just as the size of a palm.

The baby presented with multiple life-threatening conditions: suspected CMV cytomegalovirus infection, fungal sepsis, severe feed intolerance, a brain bleed (Intraventricular Haemorrhage), and Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP Stage 3). Despite these complications, the NICU team maintained a stable, womb-like environment — carefully regulating oxygen, nutrition, temperature, and sensory exposure to support fragile organ systems still developing outside the womb.

"The womb is an incredibly complex environment. When a baby is born this early, their lungs, brain, and digestive system are still immature," explained Dr. B. Chethan, Consultant Neonatologist and Paediatrician, Motherhood Hospital, Mysuru, who led the case.

"Our job is to replicate that environment as precisely as possible. We used non-invasive ventilation, total parenteral nutrition, strict infection control, and advanced neuro-monitoring protocols to protect his brain and organs while they matured. The child not only survived but now weighs over 3.5 kilograms and is developmentally normal. That is nothing short of a miracle of modern neonatal medicine."

The second baby boy, born to Paviksha and Praveen Kumar in Mysuru, arrived at 24 weeks — and he arrived an astonishing 15 to 16 weeks early weighing only 750 grams, as same as the size of a standard pineapple. The infant was transferred from a peripheral centre to Motherhood's NICU within three hours. Survival rates for babies born at 23 weeks are historically very low, around 11% with intensive treatment, making his survival an exceptional medical achievement.

Having missed critical golden-hour stabilisation, he developed a significant brain bleed. The baby stayed 84 days in the NICU, receiving tightly monitored care that minimised brain pressure fluctuations and protected neurological function.

"Extreme prematurity is a daily battle against time, infection, and the baby's own physiological instability," said Dr. Suhaim Afsar, Consultant Neonatologist and Paediatrician, Motherhood Hospital, who managed the case.

"This child's journey was a textbook case in why rapid transport and early NICU intervention are essential. Our ability to deliver brain-focused care from Day 1 made all the difference. Today, he weighs about 4 kilograms and is neurologically intact."

NICU on Wheels

Also, the Hospital's NICU on Wheels neonatal transport system played a pivotal role. Over the past two years, 70% of the 1,000-plus NICU admissions were transported from peripheral districts like Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu. The service includes a Level III-ready ambulance, onboard incubator, NICU nurse and paediatrician.

B.J. Sandeep Patel, Facility Director at Motherhood Hospital, also spoke. The parents of both the babies attended the event, sharing their gratitude and emotional journeys from fear to hope.

Investiture ceremony at St. Lawrence Intl. School

The investiture ceremony at St. Lawrence International School in Mysuru was a grand affair. Picture shows the student leaders with faculty members and dignitaries. SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Niyama Rajappa (Sports Minister), Aliza Asrar (Cultural Minister), A. Hridhaan (Head Boy), Radesh (Physical Educator), Nishitha Abhishek (Primary Coordinator), V. Ranjitha (Secondary Coordinator), Kavitha Shashikiran (Lead Coordinator), Nandini Rao (Head Mistress), Sameerah Shajeer (Exams Officer), Immanuel Verghese (Physical Educator), H.T. Prishitha (Head Girl), Revivaline Sakshi (Cultural Head) and Amarthya Chandan (Sports Head);*** STANDING FROM LEFT: ***Lishitha Patel (Discipline Minister), B.S. Subbrayan (Orange Dragons Vice-Captain), Lavin Jain (Orange Dragons Captain), Ricielle Lawrence (Blue Panthers Vice-Captain), Lahari Manyamrutha (Blue Panthers Captain), Neerav Gupta (Green Stallions Vice-Captain), I. Kiranya Reddy (Green Stallions Captain), Md. Rayan Sait (Red Raptors Vice-Captain), Manoghnya Chandan (Red Raptors Captain) and Merlyn Kadiyam (Discipline Head).***

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its 2nd quarterly maintenance works at Bannur Power Distribution Centre, there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow (Aug. 13) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Bannur Town, Kodagalli, B.C. Halli, Heggur, Athalli, Kethupura Ranagasamudra villages and Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), Nanjangud Division.

Sri Krishna Janmashtami

As part of Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, Sri Gita Pracharini Sabha Trust, Mysuru (Gita Mandira) has organised the following programmes at its premises on Ashoka Road, Sri Gita Mandira Road, Mysuru, on Aug. 16: Abhisheka and Alankara from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm; Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana by Sri Vidya Vishnu Sabha Trust from 6.30 pm to 8 pm; Go Puje from 8.15 pm to 8.30 pm. It will be followed by Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga. [Ph: 0821-2521734].

Book release by Home Minister

Home Minister **Dr. G. Parameshwara** will release the book titled 'Adrushta Shivalinga - Shivanidaane', written by Dr. P. Anand of J.P. Nagar, Mysuru, at a programme organised under the joint aegis of Dr. G. Parameshwara Abhimanigala Balaga and Baale Yele Madaiah Trust, at Bendaravadi in Gundlupet taluk on Aug. 17.

Coaching Class

Netaji Education Foundation will conduct 3-month coaching class for Banking/ Railway / SSC (Staff Selection Commission) Exams from Aug. 13 at Foundation Office near Jaganmohan Palace. For details, contact Ph: 0821-3553964 or Mob: 63641-16745.

Ph.D awardee

R. Harisha has been awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Marketing of Public Library Services in the City of Mysuru: A Study' [Guide: Dr. Khaiser Jahan Begum].

Minister K.N. Rajanna sacked from Cabinet over 'vote theft' remarks

Rajanna

Bengaluru, Aug. 12- In a sudden development on the first day of the Monsoon Session of the State Legislature, Co-operation Minister K.N. Rajanna was sacked from the Cabinet yesterday, in what is seen as a fallout of his criticism of Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi's 'vote theft' charge against the Election Commission (EC).

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is said to have received a diktat from the Congress High Command yesterday morning to sack his close aide Rajanna, who had publicly ridiculed Rahul Gandhi's allegations on 'vote theft.'

The sacking was not without a touch of drama as Rajanna, a staunch supporter of Siddaramaiah, in a bid to pre-empt his sacking, offered to resign and went to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

However, acting on the party's instructions, the CM sent a recommendation to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who subsequently signed off a notification for Rajanna's removal from the Ministry on yesterday afternoon.

This is seen as a setback to Siddaramaiah as it comes during the Monsoon Session, which commenced earlier in the day.

According to sources in the Congress, Siddaramaiah tried hard to delay Rajanna's sacking until the Legislature Session concluded. However, the Congress top brass was adamant.

While Siddaramaiah and Rajanna declined to react, Deputy Chief Minister (Dy.CM) D.K. Shivakumar, who is also the KPCC President, said that the sacking was the party's decision.

Rajanna was said to be already in the party's bad books, after he publicly claimed in March that honey-trapping attempts were made on him and other politicians, which was seen as an embarrassment to the Government.

Last Friday, Rahul Gandhi addressed a protest rally in Bengaluru, where he doubled down on his charge that the EC 'colluded' with the BJP to allow more than 1 lakh 'bogus votes' in Bengaluru's Mahadevapura Assembly segment, which helped the saffron party win the Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha seat under which Mahadevapura Constituency comes.

On Saturday, Rajanna, who represents Madhugiri Assembly constituency in Tumakuru district, ended up criticising his own party when he was asked if 'vote theft' helped the BJP win the Tumakuru Lok Sabha seat in the 2024 polls.

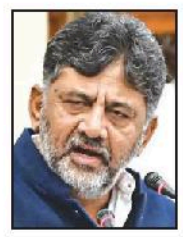
"When were the voter lists prepared? They were prepared under our Congress Government. Were we all sleeping?" Rajanna had asked on Saturday while speaking to press persons.

Only last week, Rajanna was relieved as Hassan District in-Charge Minister, after he had sought relievement due to other commitments in his home district of Tumakuru.

Rajanna is the second Minister to exit the Siddaramaiah Cabinet after Ballari Rural MLA B. Nagendra had to resign in connection with alleged Valmiki Development Corporation scam last year. Both Nagendra and Rajanna belong to Valmiki (ST) community.

With Rajanna's exit, the State Cabinet now has only one ST Minister in Satish Jarkiholi, who is the PWD Minister.

Rajanna's exit has added more strength to DKS: R. Ashok



Shivakumar

Ashok

Bengaluru, Aug. 12 (KMS& DM)- Reacting to the dramatic sacking of Co-operation Minister K.N. Rajanna from the Siddaramaiah Cabinet yesterday, Opposition Leader R. Ashok observed that Rajanna's unceremonious sacking has lent more strength to Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS).

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Ashok said he had predicted a 'political revolution' in the State in September-October. But the revolution seems to have happened in August itself, with the sacking of Rajanna, who was a close aide of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. From now on, 'wickets' of the Siddaramaiah-led Congress Government will keep on falling, he maintained.

Earlier, yesterday afternoon in the Assembly, on the first day of the Monsoon Session, Ashok had raised the issue of senior Minister Rajanna's sacking from the Cabinet and sought an explanation from the Government on the Minister's sacking. He had also questioned why Rajanna had occupied his Minister's seat even after his exit from the Ministry.

Intervening on the matter, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will reply after he comes to the House.

CM Siddu's birthday: MLA distributes ethnic dress to mahouts, kavadis

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (BS)- On account of the birthday celebrations of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Mysuru Yuva Balaga yesterday distributed ethnic dresses to Dasara elephants' mahouts and kavadis, camping at Mysore Palace premises.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda distributed dhoti, shirt and shalya (stole) to the mahouts and kavadis of nine Dasara elephants led by Howdah-carrier Abhimanyu, that have arrived in the first batch for the *Nada Habba* scheduled to be held from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2.

MLA Harishgowda said, CM Siddaramaiah has set a precedent for the present crop of politicians, by practicing what he preaches and reaching the benefits of the Guarantee Schemes to the people, and carving a space in people's heart, with his development oriented and transparent style of administration.

As part of Siddaramaiah's birthday, the traditional outfits are distributed to the mahouts and kavadis, who carry the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari in *Jumboo Savari* procession, on the back of the elephant. They are also served with breakfast, to wholly celebrate the birthday of Siddaramaiah, in a meaningful manner, he said.

"For me Siddaramaiah is the inspiration behind taking a political plunge. It is a matter of pride that youngsters collectively consider Siddaramaiah as their idol and are following in the footsteps of the latter," he added.

DCF I.B. Prabhu Gowda, Palace ACP Chandrashekar, RFO Nadeem, Traffic SI Prabhu, Naveen, Sandeep, Nithin, Shivaramu, Jagadish, Hemanth, Ravichandra, Harsha and compere Ajay Shastri were present.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (KS)- Lashkar Police on Aug. 9 have found a body of an unidentified man and have registered a case.

The deceased is aged between 55 and 60 years, 5.5 ft. tall, normal built, light brown complexioned, sports beard and moustache, has a tattoo of Hanuman on his right forearm and was wearing a black and white striped full arm shirt and blue jeans pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418107 / 307 or the Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339/ 340.

Obituary

Mookalamada Rajappa

Mysuru, Aug. 12- Mookalamada Rajappa (Shashi), a resident of Manjunatha Nilaya, behind Silent Shores in Hootagalli, passed away this morning in city. He was 63.

A native of Cheriyamundoor (Chikamandoor) village in Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district, he leaves behind his wife Shobha (Kadanda), son Charmanna and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

T.N. Ramachandra

Hunsur: T.N. Ramachandra (75), Proprietor of Champa Wine Store and a resident of Manjunatha Layout here, passed away yesterday in the town. He leaves behind his wife Rajeshwari, two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held near the hanging bridge of Lakshmanatheertha River today.

World Elephant Day today

Karnataka loses 380 elephants in 5 years

Chamarajanagar reported **134** deaths, Kodagu **126** deaths, Mysuru records **51**

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (AG&BCT)- Today, Aug. 12, World Elephant Day, throws a harsh light on the growing crisis facing Asian elephants.

In Karnataka — home to the largest elephant population in India — over 380 jumbos have died in the past five years, with more than 64 deaths attributed to unnatural causes. Disturbingly, electrocution alone has claimed 50 of these lives.

Forest Department data from 2021 to 2025 shows that the State's prime elephant belt — Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, and Mysuru — has lost 311 elephants. Chamarajanagar recorded the highest toll at 134, followed by Kodagu with 126 and Mysuru with 51.

While most deaths were due to natural causes, nearly one in eight elephants fell victim to man-made hazards. In Kodagu, electrocution emerged as the single biggest killer, with 30 deaths caused by low-hanging power lines, fallen cables and uninsulated electric fences.

Other unnatural deaths included five from gunshot wounds, two in road accidents and five from other causes.

Of the 380 elephants lost Statewide, 204 were adults (over 15 years), 77 sub-adults (5–15 years), 23 juveniles (1–5 years), 49 calves (under one year) and 23 newborns. Four deaths could not be age-classified as the carcasses were too decomposed.

Forest officers and staff perform pujas to elephants at Mathigodu Elephant Camp in Kodagu as part of World Elephant Day. The elephant camp comes under the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

In Kodagu, 103 elephants died of natural causes and 23 due to unnatural causes, 18 of which were electrocutions. In Chamarajanagar, 130 died naturally and four died unnaturally. Mysuru reported 41 natural deaths and 10 unnatural ones.

Undermining reproductive potential

Experts warn that the loss of 281 adults and sub-adults severely undermines the reproductive potential of herds. "Elephants in Karnataka are dying at an alarming rate of 8–10 percent annually," said Surendra Varma of the Asian Elephant Research and Conservation Centre, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.

"With Karnataka's elephant population, a 2 percent five-year mortality is normal. But when it rises to 8–10 percent, it's a crisis. No concrete measures are being taken and in the long run, this will be disastrous for the State, which is a haven for these pachyderms," he warned.

The gender ratio further deepens the crisis — there is only one male for every three females and the 'musth' mating period lasts just about 20 days to two months a year on average. Males are fit to mate between the ages of 15 and 40, meaning the death of so many adults and sub-adults will directly hit the birth rate.

"Sadly, we seem to remember elephants only during Dasara. Their silent deaths in the forests go unnoticed and even the Forest Department has failed to take adequate precautions to prevent these tragedies," Varma added.

> **"A 2015 High Court order had directed Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) and other power supply companies to raise the height of electric poles to 11 metres and insulate all electricity wires to prevent dangerous exposure. However, the corporations have been installing poles only up to a height of 7 metres. The Court also directed them to insulate the wires to reduce risks. Despite repeated written communications from the Forest Department urging compliance, the safety measures remain unimplemented."**
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> — Murthy, former Chief Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle

Will debutant Srikanta don *Pattada Aane* role?

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (MTY&BCT)- Member of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, visited the Mathigodu elephant camp in Kodagu District on Sunday to inspect elephant Srikanta, who is set to take part in the Dasara grand procession for the very first time this year.

Her visit has stirred public curiosity over whether the 56-year-old pachyderm might be chosen as the prestigious *Pattada Aane* (Royal Elephant) or bear the *Pattada Nishane Aane* (Royal Insignia Elephant) during the festivities.

The elephant has been named Srikanta, in memory of Pramoda Devi's late husband Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar.

This year's Dasara celebrations, commencing on Sept. 22, will feature 14 elephants — 10 males and 4 females — divided into two squads. Three elephants, including two females, are new additions. The second squad, scheduled to arrive at the Mysore Palace by the end of this month, will include five elephants, three of which are newcomers.

Member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, who visited Mathigodu elephant camp on Sunday, is seen with elephant Srikanta, Mahout J.R. Krishna and Forest Department officials.

Srikanta, one of the new entrants, drew special attention from Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, who arrived at the camp at 4 pm on Sunday. Mahout J.R. Krishna and Kavadi K. Omkara presented Srikanta to her.

Striking features, robust physique

During her inspection, she inquired whether the elephant was sensitive to loud sounds or large crowds. The mahouts assured her that Srikanta was well-trained and fearless in the face of such disturbances.

Impressed by Srikanta's striking facial features and robust physique, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar asked about his origins before personally feeding him jaggery and fruits. Her interaction, lasting over 20 minutes, reflected a deep interest in his background and temperament.

Srikanta was captured on Feb. 18, 2014, in the reserved forest area of the Shanivarsanthe range under the Hassan division and has since been housed and cared for at the Mathigodu camp.

Renowned for his courage and composure, Srikanta has played a vital role in several wildlife operations, including tiger and wild elephant capture missions. He stands 2.79 metres tall, 3.71 metres long and weighs 4,650 kilograms.

Traditionally, the *Pattada Aane, Pattada Hasu* (Royal Cow) and *Pattada Kudure* (Royal Horse) play symbolic roles in various rituals inside Mysore Palace, including the private Durbar presided over by scion of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who is also the Mysuru-Kodagu MP .

With this being his debut in the Dasara festivities, anticipation is mounting over whether Srikanta will lead the grand procession as the *Pattada Aane* or carry the royal insignia — an honour steeped in tradition and royal pride.

Bridges on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway lack river name signages

No mention of rivers in the Detailed Project Report

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (AG&BCT)- The 119-km Mysuru–Bengaluru Highway (NH-275) has been constructed over five major rivers, with the road running on elevated bridges across these water bodies. Yet, not a single name board on the access-controlled stretch identifies the rivers. Even on the bridges themselves, there are no signboards to indicate their names to travellers.

Opened to traffic in March 2023, the highway prominently displays destination and place name boards but omits any mention of the major and minor rivers it crosses. In contrast, older national highways and railway bridges routinely display such signage, informing commuters about the water bodies they are approaching or crossing. The absence of these identifiers has drawn concern from travellers and locals, who view them as vital for geographical reference, cultural recognition and even educational awareness.

Sources within the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have attributed this omission to the Detailed Project Report (DPR), which reportedly did not include the river names. This oversight went unnoticed during construction and commissioning, leading to the present lapse.

Travelling from Mysuru towards Bengaluru, the first place is Paschimavahini, where there is a confluence (Sangama) of River Cauvery at Srirangapatna. Shortly thereafter, the highway crosses the main River Cauvery in all its splendour within Srirangapatna town limits, followed by the Lokapavani River on the town's outskirts. Further along, motorists cross the Shimsha River near Maddur and the Arkavathi River at Ramanagara. In addition to these five major rivers, the highway also traverses several smaller rivers and streams, none of which are identified with name boards.

The main Cauvery river bridge after Srirangapatna.

Practice widely followed

While there is no strict legal mandate requiring the display of river names on highway bridges in India, the practice is widely followed and strongly recommended under engineering standards and governance principles.

The Indian Roads Congress (IRC) guidelines, for instance, call for bridge name boards that display the river or canal name, bridge identification number and relevant structural details, helping ensure standardisation and public utility.

Similarly, manuals and standard drawings issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) for National Highways promote uniform signage, including naming the water bodies that bridges cross.

Displaying river names serves several important purposes. It aids navigation and emergency response by allowing travellers, emergency services and logistics operators to identify locations quickly.

It also fosters public awareness and a sense of regional identity by connecting infrastructure to local geography. Additionally, such signage helps in maintenance and audits by facilitating bridge inspections, record-keeping and accountability in infrastructure management.

'Will install river name boards'

"I have recently taken charge as NHAI Project Director and have no information on why river name boards were not installed on the Mysuru–Bengaluru Highway. Thousands travel on this highway daily and they deserve to know the rivers it crosses. I will raise this in my review meeting and take steps to install boards for all major and minor rivers."

—Milind Wabale, Project Director, National Highways Authority of India

A view of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway near the Ramanagara stretch. Picture right shows another river in Ramanagara District between Kumbalagodu and Channapatna, possibly a tributary of the Arkavathi River or a canal-fed stream from the KRS backwaters.

ASHA workers launch three-day strike

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (MTY&DM)- Seeking fulfilment of their long-pending demands, ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers from across Mysuru district launched a three-day protest at Gandhi Square in the heart of the city this morning.

The strike, called by the Karnataka State Samyukta ASHA Workers Association affiliated with the AIUTUC (All India United Trade Union Centre), is being observed Statewide on Aug. 12, 13 and 14.

Responding to the call, hundreds of ASHA workers gathered at Gandhi Square, urging the Government to meet their 'just and fair' demands, citing the rising cost of living.

The protesters — all women community health workers — highlighted their crucial role as the link between the community and the public health system, promoting health awareness, ensuring access to healthcare and providing basic medical support in every corner of the State.

The demands included payment of a monthly honorarium of Rs. 10,000 with retrospective effect from Apr. 1, 2025, as promised by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and a Rs. 1,000 hike in incentives similar to the one announced for Anganwadi and Mid-Day Meal workers in the State Budget.

They are also demanding the scrapping of the population-limit rule under the name of 'rationalisation' and ensuring no worker is removed under this pretext, an end to what they termed 'unscientific' evaluations of their work, continuation of ASHA facilitators' services with appropriate wages, remittance of fixed deposits for retired ASHA workers as practised in West Bengal, a Rs. 2,000 hike in incentives for urban ASHA workers, and implementation of the Union Government's incentive hike in Karnataka.

The ASHA workers asserted that they would not withdraw their strike until their demands were met. The protest was formally launched by noted writer Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara.

AIUTUC office-bearers Sandhya, Chandrashekar Meti, Seema, Kamala, Mahadevamma, Kumari and others led the protesters.

Sacking of Minister K.N. Rajanna:
Nayaka Forum stages flash protest

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (SPN&BS)- Following the sacking of senior Congress leader and Co-operation Minister K.N. Rajanna, from the State Cabinet, the members of Karnataka Rajya Nayaka Community Welfare Forum, staged a flash protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi's bust opposite Law Courts Complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard in the city yesterday.

The protesters, led by Nayaka Forum State President Dyavappa Nayak, raised slogans against the Congress High Command.

In his address, Nayak said, earlier ST Welfare Minister B. Nagendra was forced to resign from the Cabinet and now Rajanna has been sacked from the Cabinet. Such moves are an insult to Nayaka community, to which these leaders belong to.

Nayaka community has contributed in the victory of Congress party, which secured 136 seats in the Assembly elections, with 15 among the MLAs being the community men. Why our community leaders are targeted whenever there is an issue? asked Dyavappa Nayak. He warned of direct implications on the Government, if Rajanna was not re-inducted into the Cabinet, in the future.

Nayaka Community Welfare Forum members Sreenivas Nayak, Prabhakar, Suresh, Raju, Mani, Chowdappa, Shivanna, Venkatesh Nayak, Madesh and Ramesh were present.

'Dasara Expo to be a major tourist draw'

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Entry and parking fees

Under the Rs. 11.54 crore contract, Fun World will be responsible for collecting entry and parking fees from visitors, managing commercial stalls in Block A, overseeing the amusement park and operating the food courts within the exhibition premises.

The company will also receive rental income from stalls inside the grounds. In parallel, KEA, in association with various Zilla Panchayats, will set up Government stalls and organise cultural programmes.

The Dasara Exhibition is scheduled to begin on Sept. 22 and run for 90 days, concluding in the second week of December.

Although Fun World has won the bid, the proposal will be sent to the Government for approval. Once consent is granted, an agreement will be signed between KEA and Fun World, after which the official work order will be issued.

Fun World will be required to strictly comply with KEA's operational and safety guidelines.

Cleanliness standards must be maintained across all food courts, with a strong focus on hygiene and the quality of food served. The company is prohibited from charging more than the prescribed entry and parking fees and must adhere to all other regulatory conditions set by KEA without exception.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan said, the Dasara exhibition promises to deliver a vibrant and engaging experience for visitors this year, with preparations in full swing. Adding a distinctive cultural touch, commercial stalls in Block A are being built in the architectural styles of Belur and Halebeedu. The exhibition will open on a full scale on Sept. 22.

ABVP seeks high-level inquiry

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Slogans like *'Drugs guarantee, elendralli drugsu, gruha ilakhe sustu'* (Home Ministry unable to control availability of drugs everywhere) were raised, highlighting the failure of the Home Ministry, with the protesters demanding that the State Government to own the responsibility.

They demanded a high-level probe into the drug busting case in Mysuru that has huge ramifications with its tentacles spread up to Maharashtra (as Maharashtra Police busted the drug manufacturing unit in Mysuru, as a follow-up action in a case registered in that State).

The protesters said, Mysuru, the Cultural Capital, turning into the root of drugs and substance abuse, is indeed a matter of grave concern. The future of students caught in the cobweb of drugs is in a fix, with the drugs being easily accessible.

The increasing crime graph has a direct link with substance abuse. Girl students are also not spared from drug influence, which raises a question about their safety in society. The peace and unity in society are facing a threat, and the drug mafia has been rendering the youths and society, financially, mentally and physically weaker, they said.

NDPS, COTPA implementation

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) should be effectively invoked to root out the drug menace and the investigation agencies should be vested with more powers and resources to crack down on drug peddlers, manufacturers and mighty forces that guard them, they demanded.

On awareness front, the protesters noted that the number of Drug Addicts Rehabilitation Centres must be increased and continuous campaigns involving Police, school and college students and student organisations should be conducted.

Drug-related cases booked at Police Stations should be supervised by the newly constituted Anti-Narcotics Task Force (AnTF) and it should be given freedom to handle the case, to fulfil the noble intention behind the constitution of Task Force.

Earlier, the protesters wanted to take out an awareness jatha to Gandhi Square, but the Police refused permission, citing a threat to law and order situation. ABVP City Secretary Sanjeeth, State Assistant Secretary Prajwal and others were present.

Obituary

N. Nagesh

Mysuru, Aug. 12 - N. Nagesh (61), son of late G. Nagarajaiah and a resident of No. 2, Srirampura 2nd Stage, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife Bhagyavathi, daughter Varsha, son Varun and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held tomorrow (Aug. 13) at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Investiture Ceremony at City Schools

KAUTILYA VIDYALAYA: The Investiture Ceremony was held at Kautilya Vidyalaya in city on June 27 in the school quadrangle. The ceremony marked the formation of the new Student Council for the academic session 2025-26.

The Director and Principal of the School Dr. S. Jayashree Muralidhar, who addressed the gathering, emphasised the importance of leadership, discipline, and responsibility in shaping the future of young minds.

Lieutenant Colonel R.H. Sandeep, Sena Medal, who was the chief guest, emphasised the vital role of physical activity in nurturing mental well-being — a foundation that enhances concentration and enables academic excellence.

The elected student leaders were conferred with badges and sashes by the chief guest and the Principal.

The newly appointed Head Boy, Head Girl, House Captains, Vice-Captains and other Council members took the oath of office, promising to uphold the values and ethos of the institution.

In her address, the Head Girl, Adrika Vivek, expressed gratitude for the trust placed in the newly elected Council and pledged to work with dedication and sincerity. The Head Boy, GM Pratham called upon fellow students to lead by example.

The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem and a vote of thanks.

PRAGATHI ELITE PUBLIC SCHOOL: The Investiture Ceremony was held at Pragathi Elite School to formally appoint the newly elected Student Council members for the academic year 2025-26 recently.

The ceremony, which signifies the school's confidence in its newly elected Student Council, included the presentation of badges to the newly appointed Head Boy, Head Girl, Vice-Head Boy, Vice-Head Girl, House Captains and Committee Heads.

Group Captain Dr. Vinay Vittal was the chief guest. He received the salute, pinned the badges and administered the oath to the leaders. Dr. Vinay Vittal lauded the students for their march past and in his speech exhorted the students to dream and be determined till they reached their goal and to give back to the society.

He enthralled the students with his journey of becoming a fighter pilot.

The newly appointed student leaders in their speeches pledged to fulfil their duties with Integrity and dedication .

Administrator Karthik V. Kashyap, Principal V.V. Chaithra, teachers, office staff and students were part of the programme.

THE ORCHIDS PUBLIC SCHOOL: The Investiture Ceremony of The Orchids Public School was held with great zeal, celebrating leadership, discipline, duty and dedication.

Group Captain V.S. Shivaraj, who was the chief guest on the occasion, inspired the students with his words of motivation and courage. Secretary Ullas Pandit, CEO Yeshoda Pandit, Principal Anitha, AO Asha, Head Master and Coordinators were present.

The ceremony saw the pinning of badges for all elected and nominated Student Council members, House Captains and Vice-Captains, followed by an oath to serve with integrity and dedication. The event reflected the school's commitment to nurturing future leaders.

GITA BHARATI SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AND GSSS BANTWAL MADHAVA SHENOY HIGH SCHOOL: "Only when you are deaf you can reach your goal. Lot of patience is required to reach the top, because we have people who pull our legs. Never listen to them, just focus on your goal and reach it," said Kishore Rachaiah, mPower Talk Founder and Business Network International (BNI) Mysore President.

Addressing the students as the chief guest during the Investiture Ceremony at Gita Bharati School of Excellence and GSSS Bantwal Madhava Shenoy High School in Siddarthanagar recently, he emphasised the importance of leadership, responsibility and teamwork.

Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***Vice-Captain Diganth, House Mother Sumithradevi, Captain Hemanthini of Vindhyadri House, Vice-Captain Rohith, House Mother Shobha, Captain Chaitanya Raj of Hemadri, Band Captain Shreya, School Pupil Leader Monapora Bhavya, Assistant School Pupil Leader Vishmitha, Captain Maharath, House Mother Anusha, Vice-Captain Mahalakshmi of Sahyadri, Captain Ganavi, House Mother Priyanka and Vice-Captain Yeshwanth of Neeladri;*** *(sitting)* ***Shahida Banu, Principal Badriprasadji Pre-University College and Bantwal Madhava Shenoy High School, Nataraj, Campus Coordinator, Kishore Rachaiah, Founder of mPower Talk, Hemalatha, Administrative Officer and P.K. Shruthi, Head Mistress, Gita Bharati School of Excellence.***

The event marked the formal appointment of new Student Council Members, including Monapara Bhavya of Class 10 as the Student Pupil Leader, Vishmitha of Class 9 as the Assistant Pupil Leader and other students who were entrusted with various responsibilities.

The new office-bearers took the oath, promising to uphold the school's values and work towards its betterment.

Animation Workshop

Vaibhav

Mysuru, Aug. 12- A three-day Stop Motion Animation Workshop by Vaibhav Kumaresh, Founder and Director of Vaibhav Studios, has been organised at Indian Institute of Educational Theatre, Hardwicke School premises, JLB Road, Mysuru, from Aug. 15 to 17 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Vaibhav will throw light on what is stop motion? How can you bring everyday objects to life using the art of animation? Art of spacing and timing. He will teach how to create an animation clip on smart-phone using the space, objects and people around you.

Vaibhav is an International Emmy nominated animation film maker. In 2003, he founded Vaibhav Studios which has since then created some of India's favourite animated content in the field of TV commercials, episodic series and channel promos. He has directed and produced a maiden Hindi feature film titled 'Return of the Jungle.' A Visual Art graduate, Vaibhav studied animation film making at National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad. He is an active Committee Member and Hon. Secretary of The Animation Society of India (TASI). Vaibhav also teaches animation and is a Visiting Faculty at various animation and design schools across India. In 2006, the *India Today* magazine selected him as one of the 40 young achievers of India.

For registration, contact Mob: 98456-05012 or 94488-71815.

I-Day: Appeal for public participation

Mysuru, Aug.12- With the Independence Day (Aug. 15) celebration round the corner, the District Administration has appealed the members of the public to take part in large numbers at the official celebration to take place in the city at Torch Light Parade Grounds on Aug. 15 at 9 am and cultural programmes to be held at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road at 6 pm the same day.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will launch the celebrations by hoisting the National Flag at Torch Light Parade Grounds in Bannimantap at 9 am, following which school children will present cultural programmes.

Meanwhile, the District Administration has banned use of plastic and paper made flags during Independence Day celebrations.

In the press release, the authorities said that the members of the public, school and college students etc., are asked to use only cloth flags, so as to ensure that the National Flag is not dishonoured or defaced by various acts of misuse. Shop keepers and other sellers are also directed not to sell plastic and paper flags.

KSCA Maharaja Trophy 2025

Mysore Warriors begin their title defence with a victory

Skipper Manish Pandey and Sumit star in opening match triumph

Sumit Kumar** (right) **of Mysore Warriors receiving Cycle Pure Agarbathi Trusted Player of the Match award at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in city yesterday. Picture right shows Mysore Warriors skipper Manish Pandey celebrating after scoring 50 runs against Bengaluru Blasters.

Mysuru, Aug. 12- Manish Pandey and Sumit Kumar's unbeaten 86 runs partnership and L.R Kumar's three-wicket haul helped defending champions Mysuru Warriors register a 39-run win over Bengaluru Blasters in their opening match of the KSCA Maharaja Trophy T20 Tournament at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri here yesterday.

Blasters were bowled out for 141 runs in 19.1 overs with their skipper Mayank Agarwal's 66 off 49 balls going in vain. Chasing a formidable total of 180, Bengaluru Blasters' batting order was put to test by Mysuru Warriors' pacers L.R. Kumar and C.A. Karthik who demolished the opening line-up with their lethal spells. Kumar bagged the first wicket when Chethan (8) was caught by Manish Pandey and Rohan Patil (10) was bowled by Karthik. No.4 batter Bhuvan Raju was packed off for a golden duck leaving the Bengaluru Blasters at precarious 22 for 3 in 3.4 overs.

Bengaluru Blasters' captain Mayank Agarwal and Shubhang attempted to stabilise the innings with 32 runs partnership but K. Gowtham halted their partnership, getting Hegde caught by Bhuvan Shetty. Gowtham remained the cynosure of Mysuru Warriors' bowling attack as he picked up Suraj Ahuja's wicket while Shikar Shetty dismissed Rohan Naveen and M. Venkatesh bowled out M.G. Naveen. However, there was still some hope in the Blasters' dugout as their captain Agarwal was still at the crease. The tail-enders went in quick succession and Mayank perished as well in the 19th over.

Opting to bat first, skipper Manish Pandey lived up to the billing with a swashbuckling unbeaten 58 off 29 balls which helped the hosts set up a strong total of 180 for five wickets. Pandey's entertaining knock that exemplified aggression with a subtle touch of calmness, was studded with four boundaries and four sixes. His innings was ably supported by wicket-keeper-batsman Sumit Kumar, who remained unbeaten at 44 runs. He was gifted two lives when he was dropped at 28 runs by Rohan Naveen off M.G. Naveen and again in the death overs by Kruthik Krishna.

The duo stitched together a valuable sixth wicket unbroken partnership of 86 runs in 48 balls and weathered the pace of Shubhang Hegde who had scalped three Mysuru Warriors wickets.

Earlier, in the opening match of the tournament, Mangaluru Dragons began their campaign with a 33-run victory over the Gulbarga Mystics. Batting first, Dragons scored 180/8 in 20 overs. Macneil Noronha top scored for Dragons with 53 runs, studded with three fours and four sixes, before skipper Shreyas Gopal and Kranthi Kumar's three-wicket hauls to bundle out Gulbarga Mystics for 147 runs in 19.5 overs.

TODAY'S MATCHES (AUG. 12)

- Hubli Tigers Vs Shivamogga Lions — Time : 3.15 pm
- Mysore Warriors Vs Gulbarga Mystics — Time : 7.15 pm

Venue: SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, Manasagangothri

Catch the live action on: Star Sports 1 (English) and Star Sports 1 Kannada and FanCode

Golfing Women's Association hosts 2nd Edition of Queens On The Greens

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (VNS)- The 2nd Edition of Queens On The Greens organised by Golfing Women's Association was held at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) in city recently.

Sonam Chugh won the Stableford Net (36 holes) (H/C 0 to18) with 68 points and Chaithra Ponnamma (66 Points) emerged as the runner-up. In the Stableford Net (36 Holes) (H/C 19 to 24) Anuradha Bhardhwaj won with 59 Points (better back 6 over Mrinalini Chinnappa) and Mrinalini Chinnappa (59 Points) was the runner-up. Pair of Sonam Chugh and Krishaa Nichani won the team event.

In the Stableford Net (18 Holes) (H/C 0 to 30) event, Krishaa Nichani won with 33 points and Sunita Koogs was the runner-up with 32 points.

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Golfing Women's Association Hon. Secretary Dr. Soniya Thimmiah, President Sonam Chugh, chief guest Shibha Thomas and Association Treasurer Smitha S. Prabhakar with** (standing from left) **Mini Kuruvilla, Chaithra Ponnamma, Geetha Kushwaha, Sunita Dutt, Sunita Koogs, Mrinalini Chinnappa, Anuradha Bhardhwaj and Krishaa Nichani.***

Geetha Kushwaha won the Nearest To The Pin (6th Hole) with a distance of 7 feet 5 inches, Sunita Dutt won the Nearest To The Pin (12th Hole) with a distance of 26 feet and Mini Kuruvilla won the Nearest To The Pin (15th Hole) with a distance of 13 feet 8 inches.

WORD OF THE DAY

Dissociate

Pronunciation: dih-SOH-shee-ayt (verb).
Meaning: To dissociate is to separate oneself from association or union with someone or something; in contexts relating to psychology, it has to do specifically with mentally detaching from one's physical or emotional experiences. In chemistry, dissociate means "to separate a chemical compound into its constituent parts especially through the application of heat or a solvent."
Origin: Dissociate and its synonymous sibling disassociate can each mean "to separate from association or union with another." Both trace back to the Latin verb sociare, meaning "to join," which comes in turn from socius, a noun meaning "companion." (Socius is associated with many English words, including social and society.) Dis- in this case means "do the opposite of," so both dissociate and disassociate indicate severing that which is united. Some argue that disassociate is illogical because it indicates separating and uniting simultaneously. Dissociate is also preferred by some because it is shorter (and by a grand total of two letters) but both words are in current good use.
Example: "Last spring, Sunrise Brown launched their 'DIRE' campaign—which stands for 'dissociate' and 'reinvest'—calling on the University to dissociate from the fossil fuel industry and prioritize issues of environmental justice in its relationships with the Providence community." — Kate Butts and Sophia Wotman, The Brown Daily Herald (Providence, Rhode Island), 31 Oct. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Deasil

Sunwise motion.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Dead Ringer

Meaning: The phrase 'Dead Ringer' is used to indicate that one person or thing is exactly like another.
Origin: The expression 'Dead Ringer' comes from American horse racing and originated at the end of the 19th century, when a horse that would be raced under a false name and pedigree was called a ringer. The word 'dead' in this expression refers not to lifelessness, but to "precise" or "exact."
Example: "Jennifer is a dead ringer for her grandmother."

QUOTE BOX

I'm not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens.

— Woody Allen

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HOROBOD

Answer: Robin Hood.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Way of looking
6 Bone in ear
10 Crowd sound
11 Chinese dynasty
12 Making certain
14 And so on.... in short
16 Grades or levels
17 Mayday!
19 Hit as a punishment
21 Soc. of Automotive Engineers
22 Swindle or rip-off
23 Yell in terror
25 Converses
27 Broadband provider
28 An East Indian shrub
29 Sags
32 Modifies
35 Musical composition
36 Q's neighbour on the keyboard
38 Fail to include
39 Navigation Mgmnt. Sys.
40 Duos
42 Concubine's room
43 Besiege
45 Estimated Time En route
46 Tell __ ___ : fib? (1,3)
47 Way out
48 More boring?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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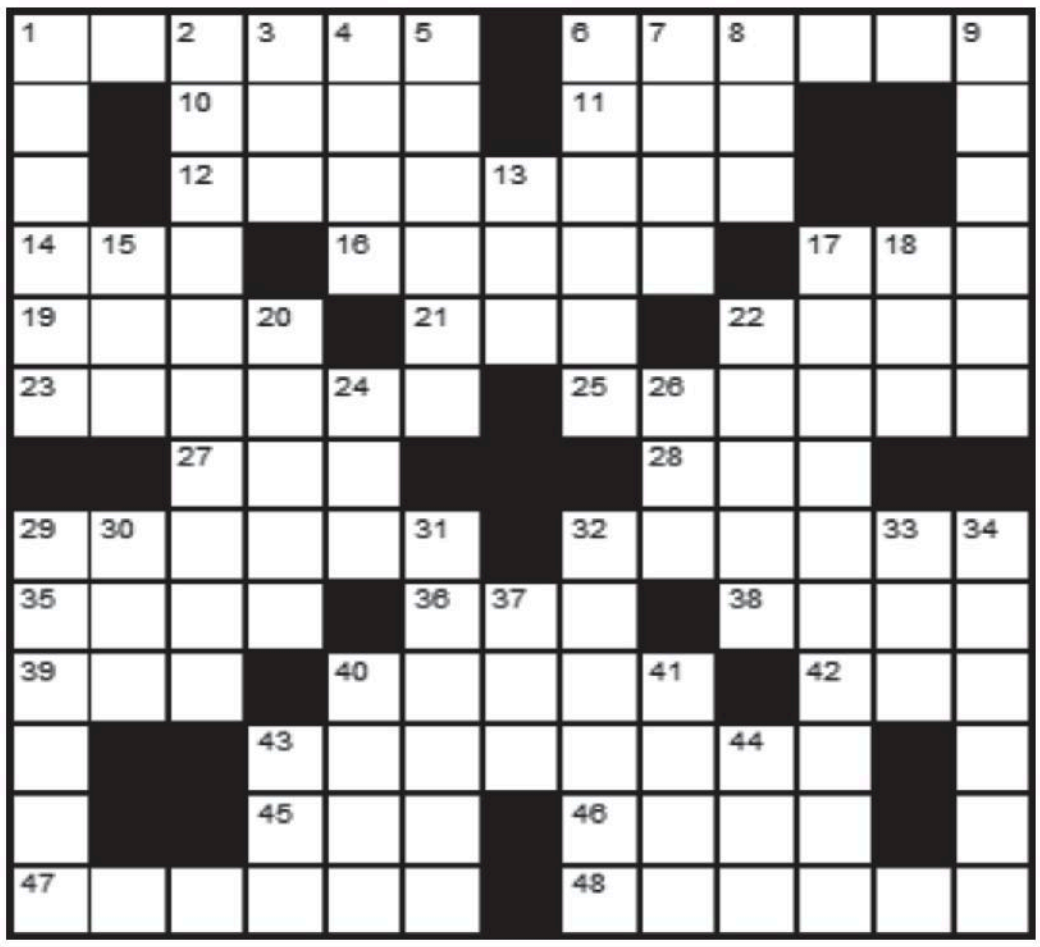
DOWN

1 Estimate value
2 Perilous; insecure
3 An epoch or an era
4 Set of actors
5 Platitude
6 Divisions of England
7 Converts to leather
8 Director __ Lee
9 Bursts of activity
13 "Bad Behaviour" star Stephen
15 Gentle handling, initially
17 A facsimile or prototype of proportional dimensions? (5,5)
18 Tree from which old sailing ships were made
20 Cuban cash
22 Defense assn. disbanded in 1977
24 Third party program for a smartphone
26 Mate
29 Give to charity
30 Revenue Passenger-Miles
31 Gazes fixedly
32 Overseas
33 Disencumbered
34 Not as fresh
37 Tune
40 ___ forward : proposes or advances?
41 Enterprise helmsman
43 To understand
44 Nothing at all



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2	8		1			3		
		9					7	1
	4	7	9		6			
1								6
			4		2	7	8	
6	1					8		
		2			7		5	4
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Answer to previous puzzle

2	5	3	9	1	8	6	4	7
4	9	8	3	6	7	2	5	1
6	1	7	4	2	5	8	9	3
9	4	5	7	3	6	1	2	8
3	7	1	2	8	4	5	6	9
8	6	2	1	5	9	7	3	4
1	3	4	5	7	2	9	8	6
5	8	9	6	4	1	3	7	2
7	2	6	8	9	3	4	1	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BCX CGRNY CXNVB KH ZKDX N HCKL IY N HBIVRQ

HXN AVKSXY NEIGB EQ JKYAH EZIJKYW TVIR

NZZ TIGV UIVYXVH IT CXNSXY.

TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS U

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Freakier Friday (E)	(S-2)	3.05 pm, 7.50 pm
A Wedding Story (H)	(S-2)	7.50 pm
Sahasam (M)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	(S-3)	10.25 am, 1.10 pm
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Andaaz 2 (H)	:	10.00 pm
Superman (E)	:	10.20 pm
Son of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 12)

- **Sri Krishna Trust, Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishnadhama, Sahukar Chennaiah Road, Saraswathipuram:** Sri Raghavendra Gurusarvabhouma's 354th Aradhana Mahotsava, Bhajans by Pradyumna Bhajana Mandali, **4.30 pm;** 'Bhakti Lahari' by Sujala Gore and her disciples, **5.30 pm to 7 pm;** Pallaki Seve, Rathotsava, Ranga Puje, Tottilu Seve, **7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Sagarakatte Mutt Trust - Sri Raghavendra Swamy Brindavana Sannidhi, V.V. Mohalla:** Sri Raghavendra Gurusarvabhouma's 354th Aradhana Mahotsava, Bhajans by Bhajana Mandali, **5.30 pm;** Saxophone recital by Vid. Harish Pandav, accompanied by Vid. Tumkur Yashasvi on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Atmaram Nayak on tabla, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **8.30 pm.**
- **Brahmavidya (recognised by Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru) and DVG Balaga Pratishtana:** Abdhipurva Utsava 'Ra.Sa. 100,' Indian Musicology Festival in commemoration of distinguished musicologist and Indologist, Padma Shri Mahamahopadhyaya Dr. R. Sathyanarayana, Kannada Kavya Vachana by Vid. M.R. Shree Harsha, Mysuru, Arogya Dinachari by Dr. Srivatsa of Mysuru Ayurveda College, Karnatak vocal concert by Vid. S.N. Sumukha Srivatsa and troupe, duet by Srikantham Sisters (Vidushi Nagadeepti and Vidushi Nagapranati) and troupe, Layalahari - Grand Talavadya Ensemble by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy and troupe, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Dhama, Kartik Layout, Ramakrishnanagar:** Sri Raghavendra Swamy's 354th Aradhana Mahotsava, music programme, **5.45 pm;** Felicitation to donors, **7 pm;** Pallaki Utsav, Kanakabhisheka, Ashtavadhana and Mahamangalarati, **7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Guru Raghavendra Seva Trust, T.K. Layout 4th Stage:** Sri Guru Raghavendra Swamy's 354th Aradhana Mahotsava, stage programme, distribution of study materials to students of Ranga Rao Memorial School for Disabled (RMSD) and felicitation to scholars and social activists, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, GSS Properties Partner G.S. Srihari chief guest, **6 pm;** Classical Music Programme by Suhas Bharadwaj, Mysuru and troupe, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, mass prayer, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani' (written by Lakkanna Dandesha) by Dr. B.V. Vasanthkumar, Vaachana by Vid. K. Ramachandra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Guru Raghavendra Swamy's 354th Aradhana Mahotsava Samiti, #29, 'Sarvabhouma,' 3rd Block, Somanathanagar, Dattagalli 3rd Stage:** 44th Annual Aradhana Mahotsava, Hindustani Classical Music by Pt. Kumar Maradur, accompanied by Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Rajendra Nakod on tabla, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati, Ashtavadhana Seve and Tottilu Seve, **9.30 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, Subbarayanakere:** Sri Raghavendra Theertha Gurusarvabhouma's 354th Aradhana Mahotsava, Dasavani by C.R. Sughosh, **6.30 pm;** Dasavani by Kavitha Kamath, **7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Seva Samiti, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram:** Sri Raghavendra Theertha Gurusarvabhouma's 354th Aradhana Mahotsava, flute recital by Smitha Srikiran, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm;** Swasti Vaachana, Shreyah Prarthane, Mahamangalarati, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 13)

- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, Subbarayanakere:** Sri Raghavendra Theertha Gurusarvabhouma's 354th Aradhana Mahotsava, Pada Puja, Panchamruta, Hastodaka, Mahamangalarati, **7 am;** Bharatanatyam and Kathak dance programmes by Ashika and Hariharan of Dance Acoustics, Bengaluru, **8 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts:** Shopping Festival, Scouts & Guides Ground, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Indian Heritage Cities Network:** 'Impressions' painting expo by Balu Bhaskar, Gowthami Kalchar, Jyoti Machigad, Nutan Raj, Puja Sharma, M. Shivaraj, Surena Shetty and Suvarna Magaji (Curated and coordinated by Galerie Crescent), Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **11 am to 6 pm.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota:** Releasing of book 'Noorara Nenapu' commemorating the completion of 100 'Sadhakarondige Samvada' programmes by Mysore Art Gallery, senior writer & BVB Chairman Prof. C. Naganna releases the book, Sarada Vilas College Principal Dr. M. Devika chief guest, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev presides, Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **4.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, Special puja, **Morning;** Mass prayer, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani' (written by Lakkanna Dandesha) by Dr. K. Anantharamu, Vaachana by Vid. K. Ramachandra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
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- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust:** Vachana Gayana and Yuva Sangeethotsava, Vachana Gayana by Vidu. Pavani Bharadwaj, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Malola Simha on mridanga and Vid. Dheemantha Bhat on ghata, Manthra Maharshi Auditorium, JSS High School premises, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Saxophone recital by Vid. P. Guruprasad (Srirangapatna), accompanied by Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy on violin, Vid. C.N. Keshavadatta on mridanga and Vid. M.J. Kiran Kumar on ghata, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathy Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

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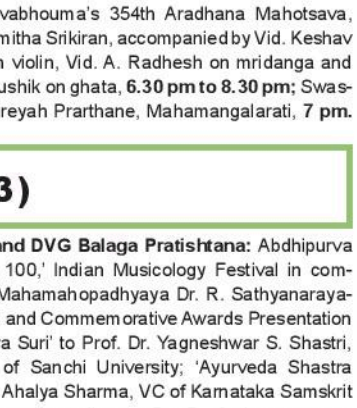

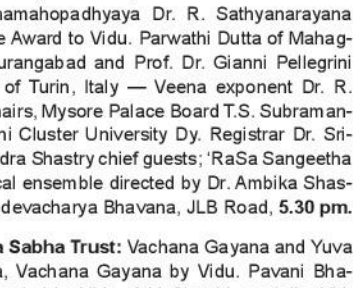

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